

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 7, 2020 through May 10, 2020.

Thursday

05/07/2020

(1) WARD ON DUTY

Tom Ward was in the office the past three days for entries, scratches, and changes. Entries were plentiful, as there are twenty six races carded over the three day week, most with full fields. There were few changes, and no scratches. Ward will be compiling minutes for the week.

Friday

05/08/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #8 JoeJoe's Kingdom (Vet-injured) Refund of \$839.40.

5th Race #8 Candys Payday (Vet-sick) Refund of \$119.75

(2) RULINGS #104, #105, AND #106**RULING #104**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 3, 2020.

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RULING #105

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE

NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 3, 2020.

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These rulings were issued after the rider was seen violating the "crop" rule during last Sunday's card and chose not to appear to defend his actions.

RULING #106

JOCKEY JUAN P. ANDRADE IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 15TH, 16TH, AND 17TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(1) (USE OF RIDING CROP-STRIKING HIS MOUNT ON THE HEAD) DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 3, 2020.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Andrade had viewed the ninth race from last Sunday. He agreed that there was a violation, but stated the horse he was riding was bearing out quite badly. There was no argument that his mount was difficult to control, but not to the point that "crop" use alongside the head was warranted.

(3) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #7 Quiet Talk, with Oscar Andrade, Jr. aboard, flipped during the loading procedure, injured itself in the process, and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. There was a refund of \$26,643.12 due to the scratch.

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	\$0.00	\$0.00
Off track	\$0.00	\$0.00
Out of state	\$2,533,485.05	\$2,533,485.05
Total	\$2,533,485.05	\$2,533,485.05

Saturday
05/09/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

7th Race #3 Terrific Temper (Vet-sick)
#7 Betsy Vista JQM (Vet-sick) Refund of \$345.81

(2) COMBATANT'S IN

Trainer Martin Valenzuela, III and Jockey/Exercise rider Gerardo Martin were in the office this afternoon in response to a security report which named them as participants in an altercation in the stable area on May 6, 2020. The incident started when Mr. Martin, who was coming from the track while mounted on a thoroughbred, started verbally harassing Mr. Valenzuela over alleged monies owed for exercising horses. The altercation became quite heated and Valenzuela followed Martin back to a tack room to continue the argument. It was there when Martin grabbed a beer bottle, broke it, and challenged Valenzuela to fight. Valenzuela accepted, and six punches later, all of which were landed by Valenzuela, the incident was over. Martin was not seriously injured, and neither party wanted to press charges.

During the course of the hearing, the issue of Martin taking a saddle from Valenzuela's tack room came up and Martin strenuously denied the accusation. Finally, after flat- out lying to the Stewards, he admitted that he did take the saddle to hold until he got paid. Martin was instructed to return the saddle to the Valenzuela barn by tomorrow. A decision will be finalized on Sunday.

(3) DELAY IN POST – HORSES PUT INTO WRONG STALLS

There was a delay in post for the fourth race this evening as two horses, #5 Malibu Bay and #6 Love Your Life, were inadvertently put in the wrong stalls and were subsequently saddled incorrectly. The error was discovered when the jockey mounted their horses. The tack was removed, both riders were re- weighed, and the tack was then sent out to correct. All involved were admonished to pay closer attention to detail.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race after #4 Lovepop, who was being fitted with blinkers in the paddock, flipped and injured herself. There was a refund of \$15,962.01 due to the late declaration.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed the start of the race. Observation indicated that the winner, #4 Royal Flash Favorite, broke in sharply and caused hard contact to the two runners on its inside. After reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Royal Flash Favorite from first to third position. As stated earlier, the horse broke in sharply, making hard contact with #2 Lethal Dream and forcing that horse into #1 Chika Blazin. The rest of the race was run without incident. Chika Blazin was beaten a "nose" for second and, in the Stewards' opinion, was cost the opportunity for a better placing. Jockey Mark Jasso, who rode the offending horse, was not held responsible.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	\$0.00	\$0.00
Off track	\$0.00	\$0.00
Out of state	\$2,749,627.60	\$2,749,627.60
Total	\$2,749,627.60	\$2,749,627.60

Sunday
05/10/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

5th Race #4 Redhotnreadytowed (Vet-sick) Refund of \$106.70
6th Race #6 Tomasino (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$544.29
8th Race #1 Tio Pepe Balvoa (Vet-sick) Refund of \$96.05

(2) RULINGS #107 AND #108

RULING #107

JOCKEY GERARDO MARTIN IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – PHYSICAL ALTERCATION).

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RULING #108

TRAINER MARTIN VALENZUELA III IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – PHYSICAL ALTERCATION).

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These rulings were issued to finalize the complaints against the men for their part in a backstretch altercation last week. (Ref 5-09-2020).

(3) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Irving Lara was in the office this afternoon to review the third race from Friday evening, during which his mount was responsible for interference at the mid-point of the race. Mr. Lara acknowledged his error, stating that he would be more alert in the future. A warning was issued.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #9 Vidalia was unsound during the warm up period and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$38,540.87.

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	\$0.00	\$0.00
Off track	\$0.00	\$0.00
Out of state	\$2,901,650.19	\$2,901,650.19
Total	\$2,901,650.19	\$2,901,650.19

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 10, 2020. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 5 for sickness. Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 05/8	Sat 05/9	Sun 05/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		2	2	5	9	130
Disqualifications	K		0	1	0	1	19
Inquiries		D	0	1	0	1	29
Refunds		A	3	3	4	10	184
Rulings		Y	3	0	2	5	102
Voided Claims		S	0	1	0	1	17

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Grant Baker, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward